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Note by the President of the Security Council

1. In 2010, the Security Council committed itself to implementing a number of measures to enhance its efficiency and transparency, in addition to its interaction and dialogue with non-Council members and bodies, through a note by the President of the Council of 26 July 2010 (S/2010/507). The Council has considered valuable suggestions made by Member States on how to continue to improve dialogue with non-Council members and bodies. The present note builds on the provisions of the aforementioned note by the President, in addition to other such notes, and aims at complementing them.

2. The members of the Security Council are committed:

(a) To making more effective use, as appropriate, of public meetings, informal interactive dialogues and Arria-formula meetings;

(b) To bearing in mind the importance of informally consulting in an early manner, as provided for in the note by the President of 26 July 2010 (S/2010/507, para. 43);

(c) To remaining committed to maintaining regular communication with the Peacebuilding Commission. The Chair of the Commission and the Chairs of country-specific configurations of the Commission will be invited, as appropriate, to participate in formal Council meetings. The members of the Council encourage, in addition, informal exchanges with the Chair of the Commission and the Chairs of the country-specific configurations, as appropriate, through informal interactive dialogues;

(d) To encouraging the subsidiary bodies to enhance the transparency of their activities, including by providing non-members of the Council with substantive interactive briefings, as agreed by their members, recognizing that doing so can add value to the work of those bodies;

(e) To encouraging the subsidiary bodies to consider any other opportunities for non-Council members to provide input to their work;

(f) Building on already agreed measures, to continuing to improve consultations with troop-contributing countries and police-contributing countries, in recognition of the importance of such consultations;

(g) To continuing to expand consultation and cooperation, as appropriate, with relevant regional and subregional organizations, as agreed by the Council in the presidential statement of 13 January 2010 (S/PRST/2010/1), the presidential

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statement of 6 August 2013 (S/PRST/2013/12) and the note by the President of 26 July 2010 (S/2010/507), in addition to subsequent related documents and notes by the President;

(h) To continuing to provide opportunities to hear the views of the broader membership on the working methods of the Council, including in any open debate on the implementation of the note by the President of 26 July 2010 (S/2010/507), and to welcoming the continued participation by the broader membership in such debates;

(i) To considering the methodology of wrap-up sessions and informal briefing sessions, recognizing that those sessions can be organized by the President of the Council, as referred to in the note by the President of 12 December 2012 (S/2012/922);

(j) To continuing to keep the Council's working methods under consideration with a view to ensuring their effective and consistent implementation.